

SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATOR TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE

To generate private funds to be used to establish a “protective business environment” (incubator) in which a number of small businesses can collectively operate to foster growth and development during their start-up period.

AUTHORIZATION

Section 620.495 RSMo, 1994.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

The Department of Economic Development (DED) will issue state tax credits to any taxpayer who makes a contribution to an approved incubator sponsor in Missouri equal to 50% of such contribution.

ELIGIBLE AREAS

Statewide.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Any taxpayer that makes a contribution to an approved Missouri incubator sponsor. An approved incubator sponsor must enter into a written agreement with DED to establish, operate and administer a small business incubator program or to provide funding to an organization which operates such a program.

ELIGIBLE USE OF TAX CREDITS

The tax credits may be used to offset Missouri tax liability incurred pursuant to chapter 143, RSMo, chapter 147, RSMo, chapter 148, RSMo, exclusive of tax as provided for in sections 143.191 to 143.265, RSMo. The tax credits can be used in the tax period during which the contribution was made or in the next five tax periods thereafter. Tax credits may be sold, assigned or otherwise transferred to another taxpayer at anytime during the six-year period.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE/APPROVAL METHOD

The contributor must submit Missouri Form 620, “Verification of Contribution for Small Business Incubator Tax Credit,” to DED. There are no deadlines, however the program is based on first-come submission. DED will issue a tax credit certificate authorizing the applicant to claim the tax credit.

FUNDING LIMITS

The minimum tax credit is \$1,500 per contributor. The maximum tax credit is \$50,000 per contributor if made to a single incubator and \$100,000 per contributor if made to multiple incubators. The overall maximum amount of tax credits that can be issued under this program in any one calendar year is \$500,000.

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A business eligible to locate within an Incubator, or Tenant, may be any sole proprietorship, business partnership or corporation operating a business for a profit.

CONTACT

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OTHER SERVICES OF DED

DED REGIONAL OFFICES

St. Louis (314) 340-6823
Kansas City (816) 889-2900
Trenton (660) 359-5960
Springfield (417) 888-4001
Moberly (660)269-8802

Dexter (573) 624-9950
Houston (417) 967-5770
Jefferson City (573) 751-0482

RELAY MISSOURI SERVICE

Voice user calling a hearing/speech impaired user: 800-735-2466.

Hearing/Speech impaired user calling a voice user: 800-735-2966.

EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE

DED's Division of Workforce Development works in collaboration with its one-stop career system partners to offer workforce development assistance to job seekers and employers. By using the State's network of one-stop career centers, customers can access America's Job Bank, seek referral and placement assistance, career counseling and testing, labor market information and use Missouri WORKS!, an Internet based, self-service workforce development tool. To find your nearest Division of Workforce Development location, consult your telephone directory under State Government or access us at www.ecodev.state.mo.us/wfd

MISSOURI MARKETPLACE

Information on thousands of Missouri-made products and services designed to encourage both in-state and out-of-state businesses and consumers to buy Missouri-made products. Registration is free and open to any Missouri-based company. To search the database or register your company, visit: www.missourimarketplace.org

INTERNATIONAL MARKETING

DED's Office of International Marketing works to make companies aware of international opportunities and help them secure new business. For more information on the services available, please call (573) 751-4855 or 1-888-690-4855, by e-mail at missouri@mail.state.mo.us. or visit www.ecodev.state.mo.us/intermark.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Community Development Group offers over 10 different tax credit and grant programs to

specifically meet the needs of not for profit organizations, community groups, and local government in areas such as infrastructure improvement, housing, violence prevention, and community facilities. For more information please call (573) 751-5981 or access the information at www.ecodev.state.mo.us/ded/cd